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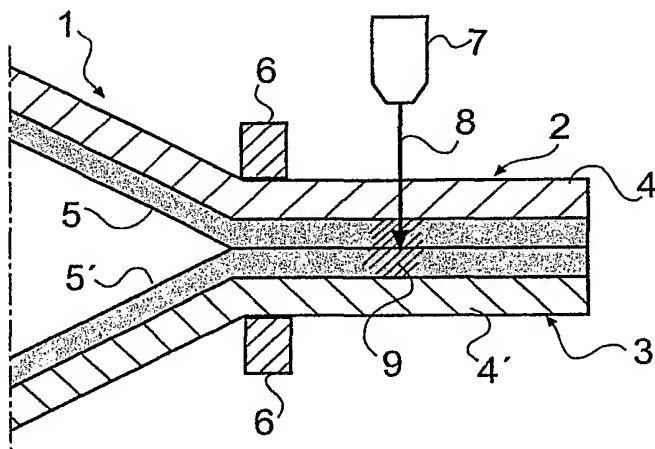
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a
method for sealing a fibre-based material
(1, 4) to a counter-surface to be bonded to
it by melting polymer present at the sealing
point. In accordance with the invention, the
sealing is performed by directing a laser beam
(8) through the fibre layer (4) of the material
to a radiation-absorbing pigment disposed
in the sealing area (9), with the absorption
heat melting the polymer (5) and generating
the sealing. The method allows sealing of
plastic-coated paper or board to itself, to another
plastic counter-surface or also to paper or board
without any plastic coating. It is also possible
to seal uncoated paper or board to paper or board
containing plastic, such as plastic-coated paper
or board, or to a plastic film. The absorptive
pigment, e.g. carbon black, may be admixed
in the plastic coating of the board or paper or
the plastic film formed on the counter-surface,
or the pigment may be located on the surface of

the material to be sealed or its fibre layer, or on the counter-surface to which the material is sealed, e.g. as a component of printing
ink applied to the counter-surface.